

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, please insert as follows:

This application is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP2003/008774 filed 07/08/2003. PCT/EP2003/008774 claims priority to IT Application No. BO2002A000545 filed 27/08/2002. The entire contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 18, as follows:

~~In particular, the~~ The products to which the present invention, with the following description, will explicitly refer, without for this reason losing in generality, are automatic machines and similar equipments, operating in the field of production and/or packaging of general articles. These machines comprises automatic machines for producing articles used ~~preferably, but not exclusively for example,~~ in the alimentary, pharmaceutical or cosmetic field, these articles comprising filter-bags for tea or coffee-infusion, pharmaceutical tablets or capsules filled with liquids or powdery material, and/or machines for packaging such articles in containers such as boxes, casings, packets, blisters, bottles, phials and the like.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4 line 17, as follows:

~~In particular, an~~ Another object of the present invention is to provide a method by means of which information data can be publicly communicated, said information data

could be rapidly controlled and updated, thus maintaining the accuracy and the effectiveness of the information reproduced by said data highly reliable.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4 line 27, as follows:

According to the present invention, it is provided a method for communicating and controlling data, in particular information data concerning intellectual property rights pertaining to a product, the method ~~being characterised in that it comprises~~ comprising the steps of organising a list of data defined by at least an alphanumeric code that identifies the existence of intellectual property rights for protecting a product, and making available said list by publishing on an Internet site; and associating with said product an informative note that refers to the existence of said intellectual property rights and contains the instructions for addressing to consult said Internet site.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 11, as follows:

The present invention starts from the assumption that exist intellectual property rights for protecting a product, defined ~~specifically but not restrictively~~ for example by an automatic machine, or portions thereof, operating in the field of production and packaging of articles in general.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 16, as follows:

~~Particularly, it is~~ It could be assumed that the mentioned packaging automatic machine, or at least one of its component portions, is protected by at least one patent application,

or by a corresponding granted patent, for industrial invention and/or for utility model, and/or for ornamental model, that patent applications being regularly filed at the appointed Government Industrial Property Office of at least one country of the world, such as one of the member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and/or of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), ~~preferably~~ for example a country adherent to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 15, as follows:

~~Preferably,~~ ~~t~~ The list can be ~~is~~ displayed on the mentioned web page preceded by an explicative comment of the type: "The machine <model or type name> is protected by one or more of the following patent applications/patents:"

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 19, as follows:

The Internet site shows, ~~preferably~~ for example on the introducing visual display or *homepage* of the Internet site, at least an activating button, or a similar element, by activating which (known as *click*) is enabled direct access to said web page and therefore to the direct display of said data list.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 25, as follows:

~~Preferably,~~ ~~t~~ The mentioned Internet site ~~is~~ could, for example, be the official reference Internet site of the company that produces and/or deals and/or advertises the automatic machine.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 1, as follows:

Furthermore, the activating button ~~advantageously could also~~ displays an inscription or wording referring to the commercial name and/or to the model and/or to the type of the automatic machine, in combination or in alternative with an inscription or wording of the type: "Patents" or equivalent wordings.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 15, as follows:

~~Preferably, the~~ The mentioned informative note ~~is~~ can be reproduced or stamped on a plaque suitable for being fixed on at least a visible zone of the external structure of the automatic machine, and carries an inscription or a wording that may be of the type: "For patent information about this machine, please consult the Internet site <www.x.y> at the page <z>", or, more in detail, of the type: "For information relative to the patent applications/patents filed for protecting this machine, please consult the Internet site <www.x.y> at the page <z>".

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11 line 27, as follows:

Obviously, the mentioned informative note and all the inscription or wordings mentioned in the present disclosure can be produced and displayed in a single language or in more languages, one of which ~~is preferably~~ could for example be the English language, or, in any case, the same language or languages used in the mentioned Internet site.